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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Noriaki HIRAGA)
Application No.: 09/625,643 /)
Filed: July 25, 2000)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED)
CIRCUIT DEVICE WITH)
ENHANCED RESISTANCE TO)
ELECTROSTATIC BREAKDOWN)

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In a Species Election Requirement dated September 4, 2002, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among (1) the species disclosed in the first embodiment, (2) the species disclosed in the second embodiment, (3) the species disclosed in the third embodiment, (4) the species disclosed in the fourth embodiment, (5) the species disclosed in the fifth embodiment, (6) the species disclosed in the sixth embodiment, and (7) the species disclosed in the seventh embodiment. The Applicant respectfully submits that the following table shows each species, its corresponding figures and its corresponding claims.

Species	Figures	Claims
Embodiment 1	Fig. 1A, 1B, 1C	1-9, 10, 11, 15, 16
Embodiment 2	Fig. 2A, 2B	1-4, 10-14
Embodiment 3	Fig. 3	1-4, 15-19
Embodiment 4	Fig. 4A, 4B	1-4, 20-28, 31, 36
Embodiment 5	Fig. 5A, 5B	1-4, 20-23, 25, 29, 31, 36
Embodiment 6	Fig. 6	1-4, 30-39
Embodiment 7	Fig. 7, 8A, 8B, 9	40-45

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute claims 1-9, 10, 11, 15 and 16, corresponding to the species disclosed in the first embodiment, i.e. Figures 1A, 1B and 1C. Applicant believes that claims 1 and 5 are generic claims.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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